

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to introduce new claims 14-19.

Support for these claims 14-19 in the original claims 1-12 and at page 12, lines 5 to 6, page 12, lines 10 to 11, page 13, lines 23 to 24, page 14, lines 14 to 15, page 17, lines 20 to 21, page 19, lines 19 to 23, page 27, lines 2 to 4, and in Figure 1.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Mark J. DiPietro (Reg. No. 28,707), at (612) 371-5375.

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